



## SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORKGROUP

November 6, 2018

1:00 p.m.

**Governor's Office of Youth, Faith & Family 1700 West Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007**

A general meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (Epi Work Group) held on November 6, 2018, at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith & Family, 1700 West Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group:

### Members Present (9)

**Deborah (Kurth) Jones**, Ph.D., Vice Chair, Administrative Office of the Courts, Juvenile Justice Division

**S. Robert Bailey**, Arizona Department of Health Services

**Jamie Ritchey** Ph.D., MPH, Inter Tribal Council/Tribal Epidemiology Center, Anne Burke representing

**Alexandra O'Hannon**, Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family and Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

**Peggy Glider**, Ph.D., University of Arizona

**James Riggs**, Arizona Department of Corrections

**Douglas Kramer**, Treatment Assessment Screening Center, participating by phone

**Catie Clark**, Ph.D., Chair, Statistical Analysis Center, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, Jaimie Jeffords, Ph.D. representing

**Wendy Wolfersteig**, Ph.D., Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center, Arizona State University

### Staff/Guests Present (3)

**JoAnne McCoy**, Zip Code Project Specialist, Arizona Department of Education

**Wendy Boyle**, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

**Sam Burba**, Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family

### Members Absent (3)

**Angela Aguayo**, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

**Linda Jewell**, Department of Child Safety

**Courtney B. Whitley**, Arizona National Guard

### Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Deborah (Kurth) Jones at 1:00 pm. There was a roll call, and a quorum was declared present.

### Review of Packet and Agenda

- Dr. (Kurth) Jones asked participants to review meeting materials and agenda.

### Approval of Minutes

- The group reviewed the minutes of the EPI meeting held on September 13, 2018, and noted under Call to the Public, Ms. Clark's name change to Dr. Clark for correction. Vice Chairperson Jones called for a motion on the minutes. Dr. Peggy Glider entered a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. The motion seconded by Designee Anne Burke was unanimously approved by the Work Group.

### Presentation on The Zip Code Project

- Joanne McCoy, Department of Education explained the zip code project is an initiative of the Arizona Department of Education and that this project assists discounted youth that includes homelessness, in the juvenile system, teenage pregnancy, runaways, mentally ill or physical disabilities, and with immigration status from ages 16-24 who are not attending school or employed. The high needs areas chosen for the project were Chinle, Ajo, South Phoenix, Maryvale/West Phoenix. Anne Burke volunteered to assist with information from the Inter Tribal Council/Tribal Epidemiology Center. This item was for information only.

### Update on 2018 Opioid Data Trends

- Robert Bailey from the Arizona Department of Health Services gave an update on Arizona's Opioid Public Health Emergency Activities and Outcomes. He went over the timeline for the Arizona Opioid Emergency from June 2017 through May 2018. Mr. Bailey gave a review of the action plan for the Arizona Department of Health Services, as well as the new reporting rules for suspected opioid overdoses and Opioid Prescribing and Treatment to the group. This item was for information only.

### **Presentation on Higher Education Data**

- Dr. Peggy Glider, University of Arizona presented the Alcohol and Other Drug Trends at AZ Institutions of Higher Education. This network surveys students on alcohol and other drugs as well as other health and wellness questions. The schools include University of Arizona, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in the AZIHE Network. This survey opens for four weeks from February to March. Dr. Glider covered areas of samples sizes, age, gender identity, ethnic/race and concluded that many of the behaviors improved over the time frame from 2004 through 2018, but challenges continue. This item was for information only.

### **Review of ACEs and PCA Data Profiles**

- Dr. Jaimie Jeffords, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission provided an overview of what the community data portal primary care data can do and how the Arizona Youth Survey (AYS) provides a community-level understanding of youth health factors in more specific detail than that of the county or state level. Next, Dr. Jeffords presented the report on how to use AYS to examine adverse childhood experiences in Arizona's youth and explained how adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) link to substance use problems. The Work Group suggested removing the word "unfortunately" in the second paragraph, third sentence and adding the word "in" at the fifth paragraph, the first sentence in the report. Dr. (Kurth) Jones asked if there was a motion to submit the items with the noted changes. Alexandria O'Hannon entered a motion to table this item on both reports for further clarification and review at the next meeting. The motion seconded by Dr. Wendy Wolfersteig was unanimously approved by the Work Group.

### **Partnership for Success (PFS) Grant Project Discussion**

- Alexandria O'Hannon, Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family (GOYFF) discussed how the agency historically had a partnership for success (PFS) grant for the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, and the grant concluded as of 9/29/18. The EPI workgroup was funded and supported by the grant. GOYFF submitted a grant independently and sought collaboration with Yavapai College, Salt River Pima Indian Community, Hopi Tribe, ACJC as oversight and the University of Arizona as the evaluator. The grant amount is \$11M for five years. The PATH grant (Pregnancy Parenting Assistance Fund) targets youth who were in the custody of DES and are now pregnant or parenting. The goal of the grant is to fuse education and services; contracted with Arizona State University to ensure they have continued overall medical help and care. Sam Burba also explained written into the description for the PFS grant; that there will be a contract for the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to continue to do data analysis on behalf of the group and to have funding for the enhanced data project with priority on trauma for adverse populations and substance abuse. This item was for information only.

### **Agency Update: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona**

- Anne Burke, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, reviewed the Opioid White Paper – The Opioid Epidemic in Indian Country: What Tribal Leaders in Arizona Need to Know. The paper developed in response to the opioid crisis in Indian Country and the tragic rising of opioid overdoses and deaths in Arizona. Background data compiled describe the epidemic; legislation reviewed and introduced to Congress. Ms. Burke also covered the Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Surveillance among American Indians in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah report. This item was for information only.

### **2019 Meeting Schedule**

- The group reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings for 2019. The next Epi meeting takes place on February 14, 2019.

### **Call to the Public**

- Dr. (Kurth) Jones did a call to the public. JoAnne McCoy thanked the workgroup for having her as a guest speaker.

### **Adjourn**

- The meeting adjourned at 3:11 pm.

Dated November 6, 2018 Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group

Respectfully Submitted By:

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

On behalf of the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family